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Of all the curious things on earth,
The queerest one is pride of birth,
Stung our "fierce democracie";
A bridge across a hundred years,
Without a prop to save it from sneers,
Not even a couple of rotten peers;
A thing for laughter, flens and jeers
Is American Aristocracy!—
(From "Grand Ma's the Bride")

John G. Saxe.